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Makoto Kitamura et al.

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For: POWDER SUPPLYING APPARATUS AND POWDER MOLDING APPARATUS

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Group Art Unit: 1722

Examiner: Thukhanh T. Nguyen

Confirmation No.: 9557

## RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Date: July 5, 2005

Sir:

This Response responds to the Office Action dated April 6, 2005 (Paper No.

26). Concurrently filed with this Response is an Information Disclosure Statement.



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### AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Enc	losed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.						
	A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.						
	Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \$\Bigsigmu\$						
X	Also enclosed is/are Information Disclosure Statement						
	Small entity status is hereby claimed.						
	Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$395.00 (2801) \$790.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).						
	Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.						
	Applicant(s) previously submitted						
	for which continued examination is requested.						
	Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.						
	A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.						



No additional claim fee is required.

	An additional	claim fee is	required,	and is	calculated	as shown	below.
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AMENDED CLAIMS								
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Total Claims	64	MINUS	65 =	0	×	\$50.00	(1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	6	MINUS	6 =	0	×	\$200.00	(1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds n	nultiple depend	dent claim	ıs, add	\$360.00 (1203)				
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00			
☐ Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00			
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT \$ 0					\$ 0.00			

×	A check in the amount of	\$ 180.00	is enclosed for the fee due.
	Charge to	Deposit Accor	unt No. 02-4800.
	Charget	o credit card. F	Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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